

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Roffing are in St. Louis.

Mrs. J. R. Dahlem lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

Charles Kiplinger is building a house for Frank Erdel in Rush Hill.

James Bradley of Rush Hill has accepted a business position in St. Louis.

A. G. Morgan is in Bloomington, Ill., the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J.H. Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Considine of Thompson are home from a visit at Elgin, Kansas.

Allen Morgan of Molino is taking a course at the Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill.

Mrs. Harry Lightner of Monmouth, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Smallwood, of Rush Hill.

Dr. W. T. Todd and E. G. Sims of Gant attended the State Grand Lodge of Masons in St. Louis last week.

F. R. Jesse, formerly of Mexico, now of Webster Groves, has been elected Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Missouri.

Mrs. James Delang and Mrs. Jane Dow have returned to their homes in Illinois after an extended visit to relatives and friends here.

Miss Theodosia Fonville of Birmingham, Ala., who has been the guest of her brother here, Col. W. D. Fonville, is now visiting relatives in Kansas City.

Laddonia Herald: Mrs. Alice Hull Lewton and sister and niece, Mrs. Miles Hoyt and Mrs. Donahay of Quincy, Ill., went to Mexico Tuesday to visit Mrs. Lewton's daughters.

The following were among those from Mexico who attended the State Masonic meeting in St. Louis last week: Henry Bartels, Pearl Vanhorn, S. P. Cunningham and A. S. Houston.

The following from Mexico attended the big con hunt near Montgomery City last week: Harry Reed, Herbert Plunkett, John Ricketts, Estell Myers, Fred Morris, C. H. Hamilton, and J. T. Hoxsey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, Mrs. Lucy Robnett, Miss Mamie Dix, Mrs. Earl Haggard, and Miss Mary Nichols were among those from Mexico who attended the county meeting of Baptists at Beaver Dam last week.

Laddonia Herald: "Uncle" Peter I. Pierce has sold his residence in Laddonia to Bud Baker. He will leave soon for Mexico where he will make his home with his son, Jim. Mr. Pierce is one of the pioneer residents of this place, having lived here 45 years. He has many friends who regret to see him leave.

Middletown Chips: Miss Sallie Lockridge of Mexico and her sister, Mrs. Clarence Adams, and two children are visiting Granddad Cotty Rentfro. Of course Cotty is great-granddad to the youngsters, but as Cotty prances around now and then as tho he'd like to get married we'd better not use the latter and longer handle.

Rev. W. A. Shulenberger's News-Letter a few days ago said: John Ballew and family received word the first of the week that their son, Robert, who has been in Minnesota is quite ill and has been taken to Rochester for an operation. Miss Ethel Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, has been seriously ill for some time. Mrs. Sansberry, mother of Mrs. W. A. Wayne, has been suffering from a most serious attack of cold and bronchitis. Mrs. Bailey, mother of Mrs. J. H. Wilkins, continues to improve and hopes to be up shortly.

The champion corn grower of Missouri this season is N. C. Bruce of Charleston County. He grew 114 bushels on one acre of ground.

HOME TALENT CARNIVAL.

A Grand Success Financially and as An Entertainment.

Laddonia, Mo., Oct. 4.—The Carnival given by the Homemakers Club at Laddonia was grand success, both financially and as an entertainment.

The parade at 1:30 p.m. was witnessed by one of the largest crowds ever gathered on Main Street.

The booths all had good attractions as those who danced the new dances with the "Tango Girls," viewed the trained animals, and listened to the "Alabama Bells" will testify.

The play at night, "The Village P. O.," was well rendered and brought a hearty laugh from start to finish.

The ladies cleared over \$100 for their day's work. The money will be used for some civic improvement.

Among those in attendance from neighboring towns were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin, Misses Francis and Margaret Cunningham, Wm. Lee, Dr. E. A. Lofton, Mrs. T. J. Hoxey, Mexico; Miss Dollie Griggsby, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alford, Vandalia; Misses Hazel and Vera Friedman of Martinsburg; Mrs. Geo. DeLaporte, Center; Mrs. Arch Young, of Perry.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT

The Box Supper at Sims School, Miss Ruth Rouse, teacher, held Friday night was a great success. Miss Nina Betts, teacher at Maple Grove, with her pupils came over in a big wagon. Other schools were represented also, and some from Mexico. W. Clyde Johnson, Supt. of schools was in attendance. A literary program was given. Two cakes were sold. The one bringing \$4 was won by Dewey Plybon. Miss Lena Ritter received the highest vote as most popular young lady, the cake bringing over \$14. The proceeds were \$29.06, which will go for library books and other necessary equipment.

WALKER-FANT NUPTIALS.

Miss Laura Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Walker, and Mr. Curtis Fant are to be married at the Catholic church at one o'clock, afternoon of Oct. 20. The attendants are to be Miss Bertha Walker and Mr. Ray Walker, sister and brother of the bride. Many friends join with the Message in extending the happy couple congratulations in advance.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for their many kindnesses during the last illness of our good father, John Heinlen. We desire to thank also all who took part in the funeral services. J. S. Heinlen, W. L. Heinlen, C. D. Heinlen and Family.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At 10:30 a. m. October 14, there will be held at Maple Grove church, at Rowena, a memorial service, Basket dinner and a general invitation. A special invitation to those who have relatives buried there. In the afternoon the cemetery is to be cleaned off. B. E. Miller, Pastor.

Beautiful trimmed Hats from \$1.98 to \$5.00 now on display at JERGENSEN'S, South side square, 2t

FARMERS, TAKE NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Farmers and Laborers' Co-Operative Insurance Association of Audrain County, Missouri, will be held at its office in Mexico, on the 2nd Tuesday in October, the 12th day, at 10 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m.

There will be an annual election of officers and the consideration of other important business.

A proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws will be submitted giving a rebate of _____ per cent on buildings property equipped with lightning rods.

T. E. HOOK,

Secretary.

Buy your winter coal at the Independent Coal Mine, 10 cents bushel. W. T. WILKERSON.

The Willing Worker S. S. Class now have the Rush Hill Cook Books. Anyone wishing one call, see or write to Maude Cornett, Rush Hill, Mo.

Old papers for sale at this office.

PUBLIC SALE

Because of the ill-health of J. R. Bell, I will sell the following described property at the Ortiz Fruit Farm, two miles South of Mexico, on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

8 Registered Jersey Cattle: 1 Bull, 4 milk cows, 1 heifer and 2 calves. 30 Registered Poland China Hogs. 1 boar, 1 sow with 8 pigs, 20 shoats, and other hogs, all registered Poland China.

8 Head Horses and Mules. 3 mares, 2 yearling colts, 1 mule, 1 yearling horse colt. 2 this Spring's mule colts. 1 this Spring draft colt.

100 chickens. Apples and Pears.

All household goods. Farming Tools.

Terms—Amounts less than \$10, cash; sums of \$10 or more six months time with a bankable note at 8 per cent interest. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

Dinner will be served by the Standard Society of the Mexico Presbyterian church.

Sale begins at 10 a. m. sharp.

Sale in charge of NORTH MISSOURI TRUST CO.

J. G. Ford, Auctioneer.

OIL! OIL! OIL!

Oil delivered at your door anywhere within a radius of 12 miles of Mexico by the Richardson Oil Co., the independent company of Mexico, Mo. S. L. ROBISON, Local Agent. Mutual Phone 63, Bell Phone 247.

President James of Synodical College, Fulton, preached at Bethel church, near Molino, Sunday morning. Rally Day exercises were held in the afternoon. Bethel has one of the best Sunday schools in the north part of the county.

HAZEL DISTRICT.

(Intended for last week.)

Gus Wesler of Southwest Kansas is visiting his brother-in-law A. H. Blase and family for a few days.

Miss Nellie Beagles was taken to the Mexico Hospital Saturday to be operated on for appendicitis, and Wm. Morris was taken to the same place Monday to be operated on for a stomach trouble. We understand that Mr. Morris's case is a very serious one.

F. L. White of Laddonia has been called as pastor of Littleby Baptist Church and will preach the 4th Sunday in each month.

Mrs. Madge Kennard of Vancouver, Wash., is visiting her sister Mrs. W. H. Hollingsworth.

Lewis White and wife of Altamont, Kansas, are visiting the daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hollingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Green and G. H. Morthland as delegates attended the Audrain Baptist Association at Beaver Dam Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Edna Green accompanied her father and mother.

Mrs. Dr. McCall of Laddonia, phoned out to her mother Monday, Mrs. Tom Crawford, and said, "Sunday night as the Dr. was returning from a professional call in his car in company with Frank Barnes, they ran over a dog overturning the car. Doctor had a rib broken, was otherwise scratched up. Mr. Barnes was not hurt. The car was sent to Mexico for repair."

POWELL FORD.

Mr. Newberry threshed Monday. Miss Zola Dowell is home after several weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. along nicely.

Mr. and Milford Berry and M. N. Powell and sister attended church at Trinity Sunday and took dinner with Mrs. R. W. Powell.

Miss Mary Cordella Mason was the guest of Mary Leah Carter of Duly.

Several have in a nice lot of wheat.

Ruth and Mildred and Hobart Cook visited friends in Rush Hill Sunday.

Floyd Robertson is quite ill.

HARRISON ITEMS.

The little child of Frank Pool is very sick. Tom Jones is no better after 18 days illness.

W.P. Vance bo't 3 more calves of David Vance at 8c a pound. S.A. Pool bought 10 ewes for \$92.50 of B. B. Curtright.

Harrison school took in \$28.80 from their pie supper. Sam Downe, Jr., and Charlie Boyd were auctioneers.

J. R. Hayes and wife are attending the State Fair.

Clyde Johnson visited Harrison Tuesday

Apportionment

Of the State, County, and Township School Fund for the Year 1915, Audrain County, Mo.

| School District | No. | State Fund | County Fund | Township Fund | Total Apport. |
|-----------------|-----|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Shattuck | 1 | \$ 2.18 | \$.39 | \$ 2.57 | |
| Vandalia | 2 | 790.47 | 94.52 | 16.37 | 901.36 |
| New Michigan | 3 | 57.22 | 11.71 | 2.04 | 70.97 |
| Boyd | 4 | 55.28 | 9.80 | 1.70 | 66.78 |
| Prairie Mound | 5 | 57.44 | 9.26 | 32.58 | 99.28 |
| East Lick | 6 | 57.38 | 11.98 | 42.16 | 111.52 |
| Bear Slough | 7 | 27.04 | 6.54 | 22.99 | 56.57 |
| Prairie Hill | 8 | 58.29 | 7.90 | 27.78 | 91.97 |
| Farber | 9 | 167.88 | 25.34 | 89.12 | 282.34 |
| Oak Grove | 10 | 27.42 | 7.08 | 14.92 | 49.42 |
| West Lick | 11 | 55.79 | 13.34 | 28.11 | 97.24 |
| McClintic | 12 | 28.41 | 6.81 | 14.34 | 49.56 |
| Laddonia | 13 | 840.71 | 40.33 | 84.90 | 965.94 |
| Elm Bend | 14 | 55.37 | 8.44 | 17.79 | 81.60 |
| Ringo | 15 | 27.08 | 5.45 | 9.44 | 41.97 |
| Fisher | 16 | 116.42 | 8.44 | 11.32 | 136.18 |
| Botts | 17 | 27.83 | 8.44 | 29.78 | 66.05 |
| Bean Creek | 18 | 28.04 | 5.72 | 20.18 | 53.94 |
| Dye | 19 | 56.21 | 8.99 | 31.70 | 96.90 |
| Beagles | 20 | 53.90 | 9.53 | 33.62 | 97.06 |
| Hazel | 21 | 27.00 | 4.63 | 16.34 | 47.97 |
| Ellis | 22 | 53.20 | 10.35 | 3.89 | 67.44 |
| Long Branch | 23 | | 3.54 | 1.34 | 4.88 |
| Bryant | 24 | 54.45 | 8.17 | 17.91 | 80.53 |
| Duly | 25 | 57.01 | 10.89 | 23.88 | 91.78 |
| Sneed | 26 | 53.48 | 7.08 | 15.52 | 76.08 |
| Molino | 27 | 57.92 | 16.07 | 35.22 | 109.21 |
| Central | 28 | 55.10 | 7.62 | 6.62 | 69.34 |
| Fuller | 29 | | 2.45 | 8.85 | 11.30 |
| Good Water | 30 | 28.10 | 5.99 | 5.19 | 39.28 |
| Naylor | 31 | 54.95 | 7.62 | 6.62 | 69.19 |
| Fox | 32 | 55.66 | 10.35 | 8.99 | 75.00 |
| Gatewood | 33 | 27.71 | 5.99 | 5.19 | 38.89 |
| Excelsior | 34 | 55.55 | 8.71 | 18.36 | 82.62 |
| Tullip | 35 | | 5.17 | 12.49 | 17.66 |
| Friendship | 36 | 54.85 | 11.16 | 23.51 | 89.5 |
| Lawson | 37 | 27.96 | 7.62 | 16.06 | 51.64 |
| Burnham | 38 | 57.60 | 11.71 | 24.67 | 93.98 |
| Strother | 39 | 55.79 | 9.26 | 19.50 | 84.55 |
| Sames | 40 | 53.94 | 7.90 | 10.53 | 72.37 |
| Pollard | 41 | | 3.54 | 4.72 | 8.26 |
| Macedonia | 42 | 57.71 | 10.80 | 9.87 | 78.47 |
| Pisgah | 43 | 56.26 | 10.62 | 9.63 | 76.51 |
| Canada | 44 | 27.67 | 8.44 | 7.65 | 43.76 |
| Pine | 45 | 53.53 | 10.62 | 9.63 | 73.78 |
| Daniel | 46 | 55.53 | 6.81 | 12.65 | 74.99 |
| Skull Lick | 47 | 26.94 | 4.90 | 9.10 | 40.94 |
| Harrison | 48 | 53.67 | 9.26 | 17.19 | 80.12 |
| Centralia | 49 | | .87 | 1.52 | 2.39 |
| Highland | 50 | 55.70 | 2.18 | 4.05 | 31.93 |
| High Hill | 51 | 54.09 | 8.71 | 19.57 | 82.37 |
| Pleasant Green | 52 | 27.67 | 5.99 | 11.13 | 44.79 |
| Payne | 53 | 28.18 | 7.62 | 14.16 | 49.96 |
| Hurdle | 54 | 54.21 | 8.17 | 15.17 | 77.55 |
| Carter | 55 | 28.45 | 8.44 | 1.16 | 38.05 |
| Maple Grove | 56 | 28.53 | 7.90 | 1.98 | 37.51 |
| Sims | 57 | 56.17 | 14.42 | 1.97 | 72.56 |
| Jesse | 58 | 59.35 | 17.99 | 2.46 | 79.80 |
| Mexico | 59 | 2169.00 | 436.60 | 59.77 | 2665.37 |
| Hedgedale | 60 | 27.64 | 9.26 | 12.45 | 49.35 |
| Prairie Lee | 61 | 57.70 | 9.80 | 13.19 | 80.69 |
| Lawder | 62 | 54.02 | 10.18 | 13.54 | 77.74 |
| Erismen | 63 | 54.00 | 9.53 | 12.82 | 76.35 |
| Cauthorn | 64 | 56.97 | 9.80 | 44.15 | 110.92 |
| Walker | 65 | 26.69 | 4.63 | 20.86 | 52.18 |
| Rush Hill | 66 | 162.53 | 13.07 | 58.88 | 234.48 |
| Eureka | 67 | 27.70 | 5.71 | 25.76 | 59.17 |
| Edwards | 68 | 55.53 | 12.25 | 55.19 | 122.97 |
| Hickory Grove | 69 | 53.87 | 8.99 | 4.79 | 67.65 |
| Black | 70 | 55.29 | 8.44 | 4.50 | 68.23 |
| Cornett | 71 | 55.86 | 9.53 | 5.09 | 70.48 |
| Hall | 72 | 57.05 | 16.90 | 9.01 | 82.96 |
| Caldwell | 73 | 56.11 | 10.89 | 8.37 | 75.37 |
| Pleasant Plain | 74 | 57.60 | 12.80 | 9.81 | 80.21 |
| Crow | 75 | 58.39 | 11.71 | 9.03 | 79.13 |
| Swope | 76 | | 5.45 | 4.18 | 9.63 |
| Middletown | 77 | | 1.36 | 1.04 | 2.40 |
| E. Carter | 78 | 28.23 | 6.80 | 5.33 | 40.26 |
| Fennwald | 79 | 25.95 | 10.89 | 7.41 | 44.25 |
| Prairie Chapel | 80 | 28.26 | 5.43 | 3.70 | 37.39 |
| Chapel Grove | 81 | 54.00 | 8.71 | 5.92 | 68.63 |
| S. Liberty | 82 | 26.83 | 6.54 | 4.44 | 37.81 |
| Crane | 83 | 53.38 | 5.71 | 3.89 | 62.98 |
| Martinsburg | 84 | 219.60 | 54.77 | 37.23 | 311.60 |
| Benton City | 85 | 107.61 | 11.71 | 14.43 | 133.75 |
| Liberty | 86 | 56.14 | 13.61 | 16.78 | 86.53 |
| Jackson | 87 | 55.00 | 12.80 | 15.78 | 83.58 |
| Sun Rise | 88 | 29.35 | 8.99 | 11.07 | 49.41 |
| Stauffer | 89 | 28.27 | 5.17 | 6.38 | 39.82 |
| Washington | 90 | 27.08 | 5.45 | 5.84 | 38.37 |
| Cedar Grove | 91 | 54.66 | 7.62 | 8.17 | 70.45 |
| Beaver Dam | 92 | 55.66 | 13.89 | 14.89 | 84.44 |
| Eller | 93 | 27.04 | 4.90 | 5.25 | 37.19 |
| Union | 94 | 25.94 | 5.17 | 5.55 | 36.66 |
| Hisey | 95 | 28.68 | 8.71 | 16.98 | 53.47 |
| Gant | 96 | 54.42 | 9.26 | 17.09 | 80.77 |
| Dunbar | 97 | | .27 | .88 | 1.15 |
| Burke | 98 | 27.78 | 8.44 | 15.58 | 51.80 |
| Flynt | 99 | 28.57 | 7.35 | 19.60 | 55.52 |

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These funds are all less than last year. All the interest was not paid which lessened the County and Township funds. Owing to a disagreement among the State officials, we have not received as much State School money as formerly, however they promise it later in which case it will be apportioned to the several districts.

R. B. Cauthorn
Co. Clerk.

A GLIMPSE AT NATURE.

An April Talk on Squirrel and Blackbird.

(Written for the Message.)

Beverly Hills, Calif. . . I have a story for you, my little boy, from the far West about the blackbirds and squirrels. Just beyond my window is a long yard, past which is a ridge or hill and in the side of the hill are several big holes. What do you think are in these? Ground squirrels just the color of the ground. From the window we have to look and look to see them on account of the color being the same as that of the ground. They run like rats—in that frightened way. They run about in the sunshine to find something to eat. Later they find very much for I take a dish of goodies to them nearly every day, apple parings, celery leaves, cabbage and cauliflower. They sit on their hindlegs and pick up what they eat with their two little hands. How cunning they look holding the food with the hand like paws, they just show they are thankful to get it.

We have many blackbirds and several mocking birds. What do you think! I took a big amount of crumbs to them and a great big flock of blackbirds came down to eat; just one mocking bird flew down and jabbered something, and everyone of those blackbirds got up and flew away. Whatever did the mocker say to them, I wonder! Then that one stingy little mocking bird went to eating all that big quantity of crumbs. Wasn't that greedy? He could eat only a little bit.

There is a lot of field off to one side of the house covered with grain and mustard plant—oh, so much mustard. For three months now the blackbirds settle down on this lot. They light on a swaying reed and flapping their wings, they seem to have a hard time sticking on. Wonder why they do not light on something more stable and secure?